

AN AMERICAN WOUNDED AT TAMPICO

Edward Finlay Shot in Ankle But Doing Well in Hospital, Admiral Fletcher Reports

THE REBEL FORCES WITHDRAW FROM THE CITY

Repulsed With Terrible Losses, But Not Routed—Federals Report Rebel Dead at 800—Villa Assumes Role of Dictator at Chihuahua, Ignores Protests of Foreign Consuls and Commands the Latter to Obey Rebel Orders—Property of Foreigners Confiscated to Support the Revolution—Mexican Civilians Put to Death.

Washington, Dec. 14.—After four days of fierce fighting, the Mexican federal garrison at the seaport of Tampico, reinforced by the arrival of gunboats with troops, ammunition and dynamite, has driven the attacking constitutionalists out of range of their guns, firing had ceased and the constitutional medical officers from the United States gunboat Tacoma and the scout cruiser Chester are ashore in the military hospital helping to care for more than 200 wounded.

Messages Sent By Admiral Fletcher. This information was contained in despatches from Rear Admiral Fletcher to the navy department. The last was dated 10 p. m. Saturday, when the practically all the foreigners were out of the city.

The message was sent by wireless from Tampico to Vera Cruz where it was cabled in cipher to Washington via Galveston which accounts for its slow transmission.

American Shot in Ankle.

The only foreigner mentioned in Rear Admiral Fletcher's despatches as having been injured is Edward Finlay, who was shot in the ankle, but is being cared for in the hospital in Tampico and is reported to be doing well. The scene of the fighting, some aboard the German and French ships but the greatest number on the American battleship Rhode Island, Virginia and New Jersey. The American army transport Sumner and the American liner Morro Castle were due to arrive at Tampico today to take away any refugees who desired to go. The official number of refugees aboard the American battleships was given at the navy department tonight as 195 men, 165 women and 146 children.

REBEL LOSSES HEAVY.

Federals Report That 800 of the Enemy Were Killed.

Mexico, City, Dec. 14.—The rebels have failed in their attack on Tampico and have withdrawn some distance from the city.

Unofficial messages reaching here today fully corroborate the official report of the rebel defeat yesterday as a result of a heavy and sustained bombardment by two federal gunboats and field artillery. They do not, however, bear out the idea of a rout.

In possession of the railroad yards throughout the battle, the rebels, when driven off, remained sufficiently cool in the face of the obvious fire to take away with them every locomotive and most of the rolling stock.

That the rebel loss was very great is also emphasized in these advices which add that the buzzards which inhabit the Mexican coast and which for generations have been protected by law, floated today over the battlefields in numbers so great as to represent the appearance of low-lying black clouds.

According to the federal report 800 rebels were killed before they could get out of range and this would mean many other hundreds wounded and probably left behind.

It is regarded here as probable that the relief of Tampico is only temporary, and that before many days the rebels will resume the attack in great numbers, although the three days battle has materially cut down their supply of ammunition. This may delay operations for a time.

Reports reaching here do not indicate that the property loss as a result of the fighting has been large.

Official denial was made today that President Huerta expressed any regret at the alleged interference of Rear Admiral Fletcher with the federal gunboats; nor did the government ever receive corroboration of the report that the rebel leader had expressed any regret at the American commander-in-chief had issued any order that could be regarded as an interference.

VILLA A BRUTAL DESPOT.

Confiscates Property of Foreigners, Murders Civilians, Hampers Consuls and Commands Them to Obey Rebel Orders.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 14.—Americans, Germans, and Spaniards, who arrived today from Chihuahua, Mexico, report that Francisco Villa, the rebel leader, has virtually had constituted himself dictator there and that he refused to heed the requests of representatives of foreign governments. They asserted that the rebel leader has seized the great wealth of property belonging to foreigners, had put to death about twenty Mexican civilians, including Sergio Sanchez, a lawyer and former state official, and had commanded the American, German and British consuls to obey rebel orders.

The happenings in Chihuahua since Villa occupied the city on his evacuation by the federal troops, given by the refugees who numbered one thousand, were:

Wholesale Seizure of Property.

Villa seized a large department store, valued at \$1,500,000 and owned by French, German, English and Spanish interests, but chiefly by Spanish, and placed in command of the store General Chao, a rebel leader. He also seized a brewery, a clothing factory and all the grocery and other stores owned by Spaniards, valued at \$2,500,000.

He called a meeting of the merchants of all nationalities and told them they must pay him large sums of money, aggregating several million dollars, to support the revolution. He gave orders that the so-called constitutional money be accepted as currency.

Villa's expulsion of citizens of Spain, all of whom were progressive merchants, was on pain of death. He informed them they must be out of the country within five days but later after an appeal by Harry Scobell, the British vice consul, he extended the time to ten days. None of the Spaniards were allowed to take any-

Cabled Paragraphs

Crown Prince Transferred.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—Crown Prince Frederick William has been transferred from the command of the first regiment at Danzig to the general staff at Berlin.

German Sentinels Become Targets.

Mayence, Germany, Dec. 15.—Sentinels on the fortification and the artillery testing the ground have been stoned and shot at for several nights past and have been ordered by the military authorities to shoot down their assailants if they see them.

Mrs. Pankhurst Arrested Again.

London, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was arrested yesterday on the train on which she was traveling from Dover to London. She returned to England from France yesterday after a stay of several days in Paris with Miss Christabel Pankhurst, her daughter, who accompanied her to Calais.

Seeks American Assistance.

Peking, Dec. 14.—The Chinese government has made application to the United States legation for American assistance in controlling the Hwai river, which traverses Southern Honan and northern Anhwei provinces and empties into Lake Hungtee. The river each year rises and floods the country, causing large loss of life and great damage to property.

JUSTIFY AN ADVANCE

OF RAILROAD RATES

Commissioners Report on Application of Boston & Maine R. R.

Boston, Dec. 14.—"We are clearly of the opinion that there should be a substantial advance now, provided that such additional revenue can be obtained without imposing upon the public unjust and unreasonable transportation charges," provided further that the money will be prudently expended in the public interest," this is the declaration of the conference of railroad commissioners upon the proposition of the Boston and Maine railroad to increase its rates. The report of the conference was made public tonight by the Public Service Commission.

"Counsel for the company," says the report, "claimed that such increase would amount to at least \$5,000,000 per year. To this we do not assent. It cannot be known until the property is once more efficiently and properly operated and until its leased lines have been valued how much the advance should be."

The commissioners also say that past mismanagement is responsible for much of the road's present difficulty.

MISS ZELIE EMERSON

FIGURES IN A RIOT

American Suffragist Scooped in by the London Police.

London, Dec. 14.—The American suffragist, Miss Zelie Emerson, of Jackson, Mich., was the central figure of a furious scrimmage this evening between the police and suffragettes and between the demonstrators and the police. Miss Emerson and three men were arrested.

The suffragettes gathered for the purpose of demonstrating before the houses of the members of the House of Commons, and they were deprived them of the use of Bow Baths as a meeting place. One hundred police, mounted and on foot, quickly surrounded the demonstrators and tried to disperse them from their proposed action, charged the procession.

They seized Miss Emerson, and men and women rushed to her rescue. Wild scenes followed and women and children were thrown to the ground in the melee and trampled in the semi-darkness. The shrieks of the frightened mob terrified the onlookers, when the field was cleared, the injuries turned out not to be serious. The police captured many suffragette banners, which they tore to shreds.

THREE SUSPICIOUS

FIRES AT DERBY.

Stationary Store and Two Stables Visited by Firebug.

Derby, Conn., Dec. 14.—There were three small fires of a suspicious nature here today. Early this morning a fire was discovered in the stationary store temporarily in charge of Deputy Sheriff Hall. The fire, which started at about 1:20 a. m., did \$1,200 damage. A. K. Kennedy sold the store last week to a Plainville, N. J., man, but soon afterwards the stock was attached. No one was in the store at the time.

The livery stable leased by I. N. Thompson was damaged to the extent of \$800 this afternoon. The three fires, it is believed, were the work of one of them was so badly burned that it had to be shot.

A stable in the rear of James McEnery's grocery store was later destroyed by fire. A. E. Hall, who lives near by, claims he saw a man going away from the barn just before the fire started. The loss is about \$250.

FIRST CONVICTION UNDER

A NEW CONNECTICUT LAW.

Hartford Man Fined for Fraudulent Advertising of Merchandise.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 14.—The first conviction under a new law concerning fraudulent advertising of merchandise was secured yesterday, when William H. Meloney was fined \$20. He advertised a sale of second-hand goods at his home, 100 State street, and was found to be buying for \$20 a rug advertised to be worth \$60, and which later was found to have been bought at a department store for \$2.50. Judge Clark imposed a minimum fine, as this was a test case.

Taft Opposes Compulsory Arbitration.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 14.—Former President William Howard Taft tonight took a stand opposing compulsory arbitration of labor disputes and advocated the appointment of a tribunal which should refer the disputes to public opinion for the settlement of strikes. Professor Taft gave this opinion during the progress of a short talk in which he introduced John Wesley Hill, president of the International peace forum, who spoke on Industrial Peace at Yale.

Chocolate Rations Barred.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Chocolate rations, long the mainstay of the army as an emergency diet, have been tabooed and Secretary Garrison has ordered that no more supplies of this food compound shall be issued to troops. Dr. C. E. Longworthy of the agricultural department has reported that it is "defective as to digestibility and therefore deleterious to the health of its consumers."

Father Expresses Grief.

Milan, Dec. 14.—The father of Vincenzo Peruggia, who resides at Turin, was interrogated today by the authorities and expressed the deepest regret at his son's deed. He declared he did not believe him to be a common thief.

Lively Fight is Indicated

SOME OPPOSITION TO A SPECIAL CONVENTION

IN REPUBLICAN RANKS

Effort to Be Made at Meeting of National Convention to Secure Adoption of a Progressive Platform.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Leading members of the republican national committee here to attend the meeting tomorrow expressed belief tonight that a special convention of the republican party probably would be called to reorganize its method, change the basis of delegate apportionment and to consider the preparation of a new party platform that would unite its broken ranks.

Convention Advocates Have Majority

Among nearly a dozen committees men who had arrived today several were of "open mind" as to the convention plan, and one or two were outspoken against it. Several conferences held during the day, however, and the statements of committee members who have been in touch with a majority of that body, indicated that plans have been tentatively made looking toward the calling of the convention and that the advocates of the plan have a majority of the members of the committee behind them.

Nevada Committeeman Opposed.

Charles B. Warren of Michigan, chairman of the law committee of the republican organization, said he thought a majority of the committee members would favor the holding of a convention. Chairman Charles D. Hilles has not yet indicated his own opinion as to the wisdom of a special party gathering. John T. Adams of Iowa and F. W. Estabrook of New Hampshire declared they had "open minds" on the plan. H. B. Maxson of Nevada openly opposed the convention.

A Concession to Progressives.

The plan now in contemplation, if the committee decides to summon a convention, is to provide in the call that the various state committees shall control the method of selecting delegates, where there are state primary laws covering the subject.

This plan, if adopted, would be the first step toward one of the changes in party machinery which the progressives demand. The "district unit" system of selecting delegates is abandoned and the primary laws of various states be recognized as final by the national committee.

Fight Likely Over Platform.

While the formal committee session does not begin until Tuesday morning, the fight over the convention will be inaugurated tomorrow night at a dinner to be given to the committee by Chairman Hilles. This dinner will be participated in only by members of the committee and it is expected that the real issues of the convention will be settled before its conclusion. The committee session on Tuesday probably will be held with open doors. The prospect of a fight in a convention for the adoption of a platform of party principles has been an important factor in strengthening the opposition of some committeemen who do not favor the project. Senator Cummins, former Governor Hadley of Missouri and other leaders of the progressive movement have laid plans for a campaign to secure the adoption of a platform of marked progressive character.

Objections of Timid Ones. Several committee members insist that the summoning of a convention would be a waste of time and money in time be closed and would not operate to draw the divergent factions of the party together.

BRITISH BUSINESS

AND OUR TARIFF.

No Great Buoyancy in Trade Has Yet Resulted from New Schedules.

London, Dec. 14.—The Times today publishes reports from leading commercial and industrial centers in the United Kingdom upon the actual or prospective effect of the Underwood tariff bill. The reports are generally favorable to the bill, and in a majority of towns where reports were received no appreciable expansion of business has been experienced, but in several places, notably Leeds, Dundee and Belfast, the lowering of the tariff has given a distinct flip to trade. In all, however, the Times says, there is an expectation of great improvement in the future.

Among the reasons assigned for the absence of increased trade are the shortness in time the tariff has been in operation, the fact that the majority of British exports were held in bond in the United States pending the passage of the tariff bill, the determination of American firms to keep prices at a high level, and the general readiness of the American markets owing to the Mexican trouble and the disturbance caused by projected currency and banking reforms.

SHOT DOWN HIS

WIFE ON STREET.

Unemployed Bookkeeper Resented Her Refusal to Live With Him.

New York, Dec. 14.—William Barker, a bookkeeper out of employment, today, in the view of hundreds of Sunday promenaders on upper Madison avenue, shot and killed his wife, Mrs. Adeline Barker, and then calmly stood by the body until a policeman arrived and arrested him.

Barker, who is 28 years old, said that he and his wife separated recently, and that he killed her because she declined to live with him again.

Warehouse Burns at Peoria.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 14.—Fire this evening destroyed the building of the Illinois Warehouse company, causing a loss estimated at \$300,000. Twenty carloads of sugar, several carloads of flour and farming machinery, groceries and household goods were destroyed.

Cigarette Causes Two Deaths.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Mary McIntyre, 59, a widow, and her son, Frank McIntyre, 26, lost their lives in a fire in a lodging house here today. The fire started from a cigarette. The father died on his bed during a sudden attack of illness.

Sheriff Shoots at Deserter.

Shelton, Conn., Dec. 14.—There was considerable excitement for a time here this afternoon when Deputy Sheriff Donovan fired several shots from his revolver in an endeavor to arrest a man said to be Samuel Kendrick, wanted for desertion from the United States army.

Condensed Telegrams

Frieda Hempel, an Opera Singer of New York, is ill of ptomaine poisonings.

Coal Mine Accidents in the United States in October resulted in the death of 449 men.

The House Has Passed the omnibus bill providing increased pensions for 157 soldiers and sailors of the Civil war.

Swift & Co., were fined \$500 in New York for returning to cold storage, meat that had been once offered for sale.

Foodstuffs Coming in free of duty under the new tariff bill are awaiting the total imports into the United States.

John W. Sully of South Norwalk, was elected president of the United States of North America in a referendum election.

Anti-Prohibitionists plan the restoration of the "army canteen" as a "back fire" against the "dry" agitation now before congress.

Chief Justice Samuel O. Prentice of the supreme court of error, placed on the retired list of the Connecticut National Guard.

Rose Wade, 14 Years Old, of Sea Cliff, L. I., who swallowed a pill recently, has been taken to a hospital in a serious condition.

The Sacramento (Cal.) Retail Merchants' association voted to raise \$15,000 to pay expenses of President Wilson and 75 congressmen on a visit to that city.

Caught Between an automatically closing door and freight elevator in Pawtucket, R. I., department store, William McLaughlin, 18 years old, was instantly killed Saturday.

The Mule Spinners' Union at Warwick, R. I., voted to go on strike in all the mills of the Pawtucket Valley today if their demands for a new wage scale are not acceded to by the mills.

The United States Battleships Wyoming, Arkansas, Utah and Florida, returning from visits of courtesy to various European ports, are expected to arrive in New York harbor today.

John Longfield, a watchman at the warehouse of the American Tobacco company at Madison, Wis., was killed early Saturday by a burglar whom he found trying to open the safe. The thief escaped.

A Substantial Wage Increase was granted to boiler makers, machinists and other members of the Federal Shop Trades who have been in dispute with the Chicago and Alton railroad.

Captain Joseph P. Cotton, under whose supervision the first electric trolley line in the United States was built at Newport, R. I., died suddenly of heart failure Saturday, aged 78 years.

A Fire at Bingham, Me., which caused damage estimated at \$18,000 burned out the dry goods store of Mark Siskig & Co., and the general merchandise store of Freble & Robinson Saturday.

Representative Harrison of Mississippi has prepared a bill, which he will introduce Tuesday to declare legal options and futures on cotton, hops, wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, clover, pork, lard, bacon, or other agricultural food products.

Under the Blue Laws of Connecticut, the manager of a theatre, and four of his employees at Savin Rock were convicted of giving a moving picture show on Sunday, in the West Haven town court Saturday. Nominal fines were imposed and appeals taken for a jury trial.

STATE POLICE RAID

BRIDGEPORT RESORTS.

Five Proprietors and 45 Frequenters Rounded Up.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 14.—On evidence secured by five state policemen who have been quietly working here for two weeks, the state police and a squad of the city department went on a raid today against a gambling establishment, and a local squad of the hotel Royal Saturday night, in which 17 women, most of them married, were taken into custody. The raid was the state police on previous Sundays. The raids today make a total of 16 pulled out in the past two weeks, and the local police have cleaned up several other disorderly houses.

SEPTUAGENARIAN RUN

DOWN BY AUTOMOBILE.

William McNulty of Wallingford Dies of His Injuries.

Wallingford, Conn., Dec. 14.—William McNulty died at the home of his son-in-law at midnight as the result of injuries received Saturday afternoon, when he was run down by an automobile driven by Thomas Stone Jr. He was standing near the curb waiting for a trolley car and stepped into the street a moment, when the automobile struck him.

Stone was taken into custody, but was released upon his own recognizance. McNulty was 70 years old.

Criminal Adventures of Derby Lads.

Derby, Conn., Dec. 14.—Paul Clayton, aged 16, and J. J. Moscarello, aged 14, of this city, were taken into custody today by the railroad police, charged with trespassing on railroad property. It is alleged that the youths "jumped a freight" out of Derby some days ago. After a ride of some distance, and finding night coming on, the boys broke into a railroad shed and took a hand saw, working their way back. When near Shelton, it is said, the boys threw the hand saw down an embankment and into the river.

Explosion at Arlington, Mass.

Arlington, Mass., Dec. 14.—An explosion, the cause of which is not known, wrecked the building of the Arlington Gas Light company today. James Duncan, who was asleep in the place, was blown out of bed, but escaped serious injury. Although a heavy boiler was blown a hundred yards down Massachusetts avenue and two walls tumbled into the streets, tearing down the wires, no one was hurt. No one followed the explosion. The damage to the building is estimated at \$2,500.

Loved Image of Mona Lisa

ROMANCE BEHIND PERUGIA'S THEFT OF PAINTING

LONG PREMEDITATED

Italian Had Lists of Art Dealers, Collectors and Multimillionaires as Long Ago as 1910—Painting Damaged.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Detective Nicausse has made an important discovery among the effects of Vincenzo Peruggia, which seems to throw fresh light on his theft of Mona Lisa. The discovery tends to show that in taking the picture from the Louvre, Peruggia was not actuated by purely patriotic motives, as he pretended with the case and that the theft was long contemplated.

Notebooks Indicate Premeditation.

Among a mass of miscellaneous papers were two notebooks, dated December, 1910, the time when Peruggia was employed by a firm of decorators which was engaged at the Louvre in placing glass on pictures. One of the notebooks, the detective says is in the hand of Peruggia. The first book contains a list of celebrated multi-millionaires including the late J. Pierpont Morgan, John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie. The second contains a list of art dealers and collectors, not only in the Italian cities of Rome, Florence and Naples, but in Hamburg, Berlin, Frankfurt and other German cities. In this list appears the name of Signor Gori, the antiquary of Florence.

In Love with Image of "Mona Lisa."

The police investigations have revealed that Peruggia was deeply in love with an exceedingly beautiful girl, the image of Mona Lisa. Ninety-three fervent love letters from the girl, signed Mathilde, were found in Peruggia's room. It appears that some years ago Mathilde was brought to a dance hall by another Italian who quarrelled with and stabbed her and then fled. Peruggia witnessed the attack upon the girl and, being struck by her beauty, lifted her into a cab and took her to the home of an old Italian woman who nursed her back to health.

Unable to Locate Mathilde.

The acquaintance thus begun developed into an ardent love affair. The police hope to obtain from Mathilde information concerning the theft. They would clear up the question as to whether he had accomplices in the abstraction of the painting from the Louvre. They have so far, however, been unable to find any trace of her.

To Be Exhibited at Rome.

Rome, Dec. 14.—The French ambassador to Italy, M. Barrere, has notified the Italian government that France will gladly permit the exhibition of the "Mona Lisa" in Rome.

Painting Slightly Defaced.

Florence, Dec. 14.—A close examination of the "Mona Lisa" today has disclosed a slight abrasion on the cheek and a scratch on the left shoulder, which were received while the picture was in the hands of Vincenzo Peruggia.

USED KEROSENE TO HURRY THE FIRE.

Stephen B. Nagg Sustains Burns Which Cause His Death.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 14.—With his wife and two children now on the seas on their way to join him in a home in this city, Stephen B. Nagg, aged 39, set about today this morning to light the kitchen fire to prepare his breakfast. The fire did not kindle rapidly enough to suit him and he grabbed a can of kerosene that stood near and poured some of it onto the fire. The flame that resulted followed up the stream an into the can, which split, throwing the blazing oil all over him. He was enveloped in flame from head to foot and ran screaming to the street. Neighbors ran to the rescue and threw pails of water over him, adding to his sufferings instead of aiding him. Every stitch of his clothing was burned off before the flames were extinguished. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital, but died soon after.

ESSEX INSURANCE

COLLECTOR HELD UP

Deputy Sheriffs and Constables Searching for Highwaymen.

Deep River, Conn., Dec. 14.—Deputy sheriffs and constables are searching for two men who were late last night attempted to hold up Clarence Lathrop of Essex, an insurance collector. Lathrop had been making his weekly collections and was driving to his home, when two men sprang from the roadside, near Centerbrook, and ordered him to stop. Lathrop whipped his horse and dashed past the men. Two shots were fired at him, a revolver, but bullets went through the back of the carriage.

OBITUARY.

Reuben T. Palmer, Jr.

Boston, Dec. 14.—The death of Reuben T. Palmer, Jr., a resident of New London, Conn., at a Boston hotel Saturday was made known today. Mr. Palmer, who has been here for three weeks, was stricken with pneumonia a few days ago. He was 55 years old.

General David J. Cragie, U. S. A.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Brigadier General David Johnston Cragie, U. S. A., retired, died today after a long illness of several weeks. He saw much service in the civil war and the Philippine campaign. He was born in Scotland on Dec. 6, 1840.

William O. Coulter.

Old Saybrook, Conn., Dec. 14.—William O. Coulter, who lived throughout the state as a hotel proprietor, died at his home here early this morning of acute Bright's Disease. He had been ill only a few hours. Mr. Coulter had been in the hotel business for nearly 27 years, being proprietor of the Coulter house. He was about 50 years old.

Vote on Currency by Saturday.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The long struggle over currency reform is expected to end in the senate next Sunday. Administration leaders who have been expecting every effort to enact into law before Jan. 1, the second greatest plank of the democratic platform were confident tonight that an agreement could be reached which would permit a vote in the senate by 6 o'clock Saturday.

Steamship Arrivals.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 14.—Arrived, steamer Victoria.

Bahia, N. S. Dec. 14.—Arrived, steamer Dominion.

Liverpool.